

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 09/622,439

REMARKS

Claim 6 has been amended to remove reference to the recovery of the G protein-coupled receptor protein from the host cell recited in claim 5. As originally filed, claim 6 did not recite the recovery of the G protein-coupled receptor protein from the host cell. Indeed, the method of claim 6 can include a production process where the G protein-coupled receptor protein is expressed on the membrane of the host cell and recovery is not carried out. This method is fully supported by the specification, for example at page 8, lines 4-10. Therefore, this amendment introduces no new matter.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Drew Hissong
Registration No. 44,765

SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN,
MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860

Date: April 9, 2001

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a G protein-coupled receptor protein which has the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, comprising culturing the host cell of claim 5 [under conditions promoting expression of a G protein-coupled receptor protein, and recovering the G protein-coupled receptor protein so expressed].